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## REMARKS

## **Pending Claims**

Claim 3 remains pending in this application. Claims 1-2, 4-18 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 3 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Following the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, claims 1-2, 4-18 and 20 have been canceled.

The Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed all rejections against claim 3. Accordingly, applicants have rewritten claim 3 into independent form including the limitations of base claim 1 and intermediate claim 2. Therefore, claim 3 should be allowed.

## Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the above-identified application.

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